

Minutes of... Meeting to Discuss Policy Council

Details

Date: July 25, 2007

Time: noon

Place: County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Floor Citrus Room, San Bernardino

Attendees

- Charles Adams, Community Action Partnership San Bernardino
 - Rick Arden, Probation Department
 - DeAnna Avey-Motikeit, Department of Children's Services
 - Karen Bell, District Attorney – Juvenile Division
 - Richard Chinnock, M.D. – Loma Linda University Department of Pediatrics
 - Mary Lynn Clark, Inland Regional Center
 - Amy Cousineau, Children's Network
 - Chris Gardner, Public Defender
 - Rosa Gomez, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Josie Gonzales, 5th District Supervisor
 - Ron Griffin, Preschool Services Department
 - Richard Jarvis, First 5 San Bernardino
 - John Kochis, District Attorney's Office
 - Steve Kovensky, Fontana Sheriff's Station
 - Briana Lane, CAO – Board of Supervisors
 - Dave Larsen, Community Development & Housing
 - Honorable James McGuire, Juvenile Court
 - Mike Markel, County Counsel
 - Kent Paxton, Children's Network
 - Allan Rawland, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Honorable Marsha Slough, Juvenile Court
 - Lisha Smith, 5th District Board of Supervisors
 - Margaret Smith, Department of Public Health
 - Sue Taylor, Children's Network
 - Greg Zerovnik, County Library Administration
 - Meaghan Ellis, Department of Public Health
 - Amy Larsen, Nurse Family Partnership, Riverside County Public Health
 - Carol D'Arco, Nursing Family Partnership, Riverside County Public Health
 - Nancy Swanson, Transitional Assistance Department
 - Trinh Nguyen, Public- Private Ventures
 - Kay Fangerow, Department of Public Health
 - Tammy Williams, Children's Network
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Meeting purpose

Judge McGuire welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. A motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted. A motion was made to approve the minutes that were submitted for the June meeting. No minutes available from the May meeting due to Tammy's absence and the tape breaking. Judge McGuire mentioned he would be leaving Juvenile Court as of October 9th. He introduced his replacement, Judge Slough. Supervisor Gonzales welcomed everyone and thanked everyone present for his or her support and collaboration with the Operation Phoenix project.

Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Welcome and Introductions	McGuire
Approval of Agenda	McGuire
Approval of June 2007 Minutes	McGuire
Children's Fund Report	Stafford
Library Update	Zerovnik
Annual Conference	Taylor
Action requested to finalize the County Operation Phoenix Protocol for FY 2007/08	Paxton
Nurse Family Partnership Discussion	Cousineau
Other	All
Public Comment	All

Actions

Topic	Who is Responsible	Deadline
Motion was made to approve the Operation Phoenix Protocol with the additions of the DBH language and adding the CBOs, and City agencies.	Kent Paxton	ASAP

**Key points:
Children's
Fund Report**

The following highlights were given:

- Rebecca Stafford reported they would be having their Annual Board Retreat on Friday, July 27th.
 - Rebecca mentioned a special thanks goes to the Children's Fund Board of Directors, Children's Fund Staff, and everyone present for the support of their agency.
 - Rebecca mentioned even though the economy is depressed, they have been able to serve more children.
 - Rebecca stated they have expanded their outreach to the high desert, due to high need.
 - Last year they were able to raise in excess of three million dollars to serve children in this county.
 - Rebecca reported the following stats: 16% increase in revenue; served 67,566 children which is an increase of 40%; 13% served from the high desert; \$6,000 spent on supplies and equipment to better serve the PANDA program (Periodic Assistance for the Newborn with Drug or Alcohol Exposure), which was an excess of \$4,000 for the Department of Public Health; \$14,000 for DCS children going to summer camps; car seats were donated at a Foster Faire; and \$9,000 went to a Sports Fair.
 - Rebecca asked is there anyway her staff can serve the children referred to them in a more efficient way?
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Key points:**Library Update**

The following highlights were given:

- Greg Zerovnik made a presentation about the County Library System. He distributed a power point with some additional facts.
 - Some of the main points he shared were: 1.2 million volumes in San Bernardino County; full partnership with Riverside County; currently 600 public access computers; electronic resources, database, online catalogue; e-mail notification service; can access 15 libraries and 10 academic sessions; there are 30 library branches; new libraries opening in Phelan, Mentone, and Fontana; the Mentone branch is combined library and Senior Center and will have the grand opening Saturday, August 11th starting at 9 a.m.; book mobile is mainly used in the high desert; wedding services are provided at the Apple Valley, Fontana, and Montclair branches; can have electronic reference help by live chats with the Librarian; summer reading programs; literacy programs at the Lite Centers; free online tutoring; over 100 volunteers; over 3 million patrons per year; foster child library loan program that has no overdue fines and no penalties if foster child doesn't return books – application can be found on the web site; and some of the libraries have conference rooms that can be used by community groups at no charge.
 - Greg mentioned he can be contacted at (909) 387-9619 or through e-mail at gzerovnik@lib.sbcounty.gov
 - Kent mentioned that at-risk children usually spike by 8th or 9th grade and sometimes are lost to Juvenile Justice, drugs, pregnancy, and gangs.
 - He also mentioned that if children cannot read by the third grade, it puts them at higher risk.
 - Kent reminded everyone that First 5 San Bernardino has a School Readiness component. Also, Ron Griffin's Department, Preschool Services helps prepare children entering school.
 - Kent mentioned that the Foster Care Summit Committee has a goal that all children in foster care will be able to read by the third grade so that they have a better chance at succeeding in life.
 - Greg was thanked for his very informative presentation.
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**Key points:
Annual
Conference**

The following highlights were given:

- Sue Taylor announced the Children's Network Conference is six weeks away.
 - There will be 48 workshops offered during the two-day conference.
 - There will be a track on First 5 workshops and Preschool Services workshops.
 - The keynote speakers will be Dr. Bruce Perry, Dr. Jill Murray, and Michael Hingson. They will all be speaking on interesting topics.
 - Kent stated he would be on a panel with four former foster youth from San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. They will be speaking about what has made them successful and functional.
 - The conference will be at the Double Tree in Ontario on September 5th and 6th.
 - Everyone was instructed to go to the Children's Network web site, www.sbcounty.gov/childnet to download his/her conference registration form and return it to Sue Taylor or Crystal Miller at; 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0049 or by fax (909) 387-4656.
 - Sue mentioned that the Shine the Light on Child Abuse Awards breakfast in April would be moving to the San Bernardino Orange Show.
 - Kent thanked Sue and Crystal for their hard work on the conference.
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**Key points:
Action
requested to
finalize the
County
Operation
Phoenix
Protocol for FY
2007/08**

The following highlights were given:

- Kent mentioned that the almost final version of Operation Phoenix protocol is in the agenda packet.
 - Kent thanked Supervisor Gonzales for her dedication to Operation Phoenix.
 - He also thanked Nancy Swanson, Director of TAD (Transitional Assistance Department) for the assistance case managers can offer on Medi-Cal, food stamps, etc.
 - Through the linkages of the county departments, Kent feels there will be a stronger collaboration to help the community.
 - It was stated that there is approximately 68,000 children in this county with no health insurance, so the referrals for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families is vital to those families in need.
 - Kent mentioned with the flexible rollout of Operation Phoenix it is very important to have neighborhood collaboration with non-profits and faith-based agencies. He stated the plans are to have two Coordinators through the city, as they are more familiar with the neighborhoods and schools.
 - Kent stated the City Council budget would not be finalized until mid August.
- Margaret asked Kent to get figures from the city to share with her.**
- **Kent stated that the Operation Phoenix Protocol would be amended to show the faith-based and non-profit agencies that want to partner.**

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- Kent stated there would be an Operation Phoenix Non-Profit Summit on September 27th, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Orange Show in San Bernardino. The limit for attendance is 150 with the faith-based and non-profits to be included first.
 - Kent mentioned he met with the Director recently of the San Bernardino YMCA and was surprised they serve 20,000 children in 50 schools so they will be included in the protocol.
 - Kent mentioned that recently the National Justice Policy Institute issued a report on gang activity. This group has worked with other big cities such as Chicago, Los Angeles, and the state of New York. They have validated the Operation Phoenix model for prevention and intervention.
 - There was some discussion about some one-time money to purchase software to collect data and analyze it for outcomes. Mayor Morris will be talking to Senator Boxer about it. A suggestion was made to speak with Kathy Watkins of Human Services Legislation and Research first, as her staff might have the ability to collect the data and analyze it for outcomes.
 - Kent mentioned he did a presentation in San Diego on Operation Phoenix recently.
 - It was mentioned that Operation Phoenix would roll out the other 5 areas in San Bernardino City on an incremental basis.
 - DeAnna mentioned that all the County Departments included in Operation Phoenix serve a target population and had questions about a database for outcomes.
 - Kent mentioned there was a Sweep this morning and there is birth to geriatric aged people needing services and that is why it is particularly important to have a PHN and DCS Social Worker involved for possible referrals to CAHL (Child Abuse Hot Line) and DAAS (Department of Aging Adult Services).
 - **Kent mentioned he plans to have a meeting with Kathy Watkins and crew to discuss data collection, and data analysis for outcomes.**
 - DeAnna suggested looking at what format they use with the DCS contractors before purchasing any software.
 - Kent stated in the Operation Phoenix pilot area they conducted a pre and post survey. The results were dramatic about how life has improved for the residents.
 - Allan suggested looking at the community as the client based on different tiers. He suggested measuring the impact on the community as well as individual.
 - Kent stated that Cal State has been assisting with the data, but their focus is Criminal Justice. It was suggested the focus needs to be more sociological for the community level.
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**Key points:
Nurse Family
Partnership
Discussion**

The following highlights were given:

- Amy Cousineau reminded the group of that Kay Fangerow did a presentation at the Policy Council meeting about 4 to 5 months ago on the Nurse Family Partnership.
- There have been two subcommittee meetings, since that time.
- The Nurse Family Partnership is based on a Home Visiting Nurse Program.
- Amy stated the Nurse Family Partnership subcommittee is meeting at 1:30 p.m. today in the Joshua Room and invited anyone interested to attend.
- Amy introduced Trinh Nguyen from the Public Private Ventures, as well as Amy Larsen and Carol D'Arco of the Riverside County, Public Health – Nurse Family Partnership program.
- Trinh distributed the following documents: Births to Low-Income, Single, First-Time Mothers by Mother's Residence ZIP code, San Bernardino County Resident Mothers, 2005; Nurse-Family Partnership brochure; Nurse-Family Partnership California Article, August 1997; JAMA – Long-term effects of Nurse Home Visitation on Children's Criminal and Antisocial Behavior; Long-term Effects of Home Visitation on Maternal Life Course and Child Abuse and Neglect; Family Violence Research Lessons Learned and Where From Here?; Home Visiting by Paraprofessionals and by Nurses: A Randomized, Controlled Trial; and Nurse-Family Partnership Sample Budget: 100 families.
- The partners from Riverside have been operating the program for five years.
- Trinh Nguyen was introduced and spoke about how supportive her parents have been during her first pregnancy. She said most of the clients served through the Nurse Family Partnership do not have a supportive relationship in their lives.
- Through the Nurse Family Partnership they are only serving first time moms that have a very low socioeconomic status are eligible for the program.
- After thirty years of research, Trinh stated the agency she is from started going around the country speaking about the Nurse-Family Partnership and the benefits of the program.
- Trinh stated the main goals of the program are: improve birth outcomes; assist the family with economic sustainability so they have the ability to support themselves; not stay on welfare and becoming a dependent of the social services system; improve the health and development of child; and get a good start before preschool.
- Trinh stated they only accept pregnant women up to 28 weeks.
- Trinh mentioned the results for California show: 28% reduction in smoking; 84% increase in mothers breastfeeding; for education 24% continued to work towards their high school diploma, 40% earned their high school diploma, and 16% were pursuing education after high school; 7.7% reduction in premature birth outcomes; 92% of infants at 24 months of age were fully immunized; and 95% of children had no visits to the ER.
- They plan to conduct a long-term outcome study of 15 years on some ...

target families to see the effects of the Nurse-Family Partnership.

- Trinh stated that for the long-term the women participating in the Nurse-Family Partnership program had: fewer incidence of running away; fewer arrests; fewer convictions and violations of probation; fewer lifetime sex partners; fewer cigarettes smoked per day; and fewer days that alcohol and drugs were consumed during pregnancy.
- There is also data reflecting less time on AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) of a reduction of 60 to 90 months. Part of that could be welfare reform as well.
- The JAMA article demonstrates the long-term impacts to children with the 15-year study.
- It was also shown there was an impact on the child's' mental health, such as fewer behavior problems and better intellectual school scores. The results came from a study in Memphis of 743 primarily African American families.
- Trinh stated the Nurse-Family Partnership program is more effective with the lower social economical families.
- Judge McGuire asked of the Riverside staff what they think makes the program so successful. Response: The biggest impact on the families is the relationship the PHN builds with the client. The client becomes more trusting and is able to reveal things that the PHN can assist with.
- Kay stated the child abuse incidence with a caseload of 60 there were only two CPS filings, one for domestic violence, and one for an alcoholic grandmother in the home.
- Questions: Dave Larsen asked the frequency of home visits and how many staff? Response: Best to start with four PHNs and one Supervising PHN. The maximum caseload is 20 to 25 per nurse. Supervisor has a caseload as well. The initial four weeks the nurse goes out once a week, then goes to every other week until the baby is born, after the baby is born once a week for the first six weeks, and then every other week until the child is two years old. The total time the PHN carries the case is twenty to twenty-four months.
- Allan Rawland asked if they had considered the SB 1596 California Children Account as a funding stream? Response: Yes for case management purposes.
- It was suggested to look at TCM case management funding. Response: TCM is federal funding, local match, and no state funding.
- Allan asked how they fund the program in Riverside County? Response: Funding is through TCM and general funds. Not sure of the dollar amount for the budget, think it might be close to two million dollars for a three-year budget.
- It was stated that research does demonstrate that the Head Start and START programs are effective for children.
- Allan stated this county would be getting ten to fifteen million dollars for early intervention and prevention programs through the MHSA. He suggested an MHSA Children's Committee could look at this program as a possibility. Allan stated that Rosa 51% of this particular ...

MHSA funding must be used for children's programs.

- Amy stated the timeline for this program to begin for this county would be July '08, provided there are some funding streams in place: TCM match of 25% for Public Health, and possibly some Prop. 63 funds. She also said this program is being marketed to the State Department of Mental Health.
- Amy stated this program had fallen under the guise of SAMSHA.
- Amy invited anyone interested to attend the Nurse Family Partnership Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. today in the Joshua Room downstairs. The committee will be talking about getting the pilot off of the ground, target communities, zip code data, and the areas considered low income by the Administration of Public Health.
- Amy stated that there will be 10.5 million dollars through the ACF/RFP process. It was suggested that San Bernardino County make a joint application with Riverside County for NFP.
- Amy also mentioned that most counties have some First 5 funding. Richard Jarvis responded that there has been discussion by the Commission and a decision will be made.

**Key points:
Other**

Rebecca Stafford mentioned there would be a Concert under the Stars in Claremont with Latin Jazz. It is on August 11th from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The tickets are \$55 and 100% of the proceeds will go to Children's Fund. Tickets are for sale in the Children's Fund Office downstairs on the second floor.

**Key points:
Public
Comment**

None

Next Meeting

Will be dark in August. The next meeting will be September 26, 2007 at noon, Citrus Room, 5th Floor, County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.